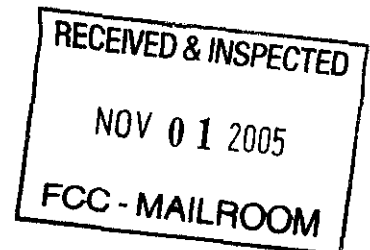




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Re: EB Docket No. 04-296 (reporting permit-but-disclose ex parte communications; Sunshine 10/21/05)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Independent Spanish Broadcasters Association (ISBA), the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc. ("OC Inc.") and the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) (collectively "Petitioners"), a telephone message, a telephone conversation, and two meetings were held October 21, 2005 regarding Petitioners' "Petition for Immediate Interim Relief," filed September 20, 2005. The Petition proposed five steps to ensure widespread multilingual emergency communications.

The telephone message was left for Laurel Belvin (Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy) by David Honig (Executive Director of MMTC). The telephone conversation was between Jordan Goldstein (Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps) and David Honig. The meetings included (1) Jordan Goldstein, Rudy Brioche (Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein) David Honig, Gloria Tristani (Managing Director, OC Inc.) and Josephine Kamara (MMTC student member); and (2) Heather Dixon (Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin), David Honig and Josephine Kamara.

In addition to the matters set out in the Petition and in Petitioners' October 18, 2005 Reply Comments, and in the Reply Comments of Consumers Union (a copy of which was supplied to each FCC representative identified above), Petitioners made the following points: (1) if new technologies such as reverse 911 are used for EAS, these technologies should provide for multilingual service (2) interim relief, even if it is a nonbinding exhortation to broadcasters, should be granted promptly in light of the possibility of further emergencies; (3) permanent relief should be addressed in a further NPRM to be acted upon quickly; (4) the Commission could encourage the parties to engage in dialogue provided the dialogue is tied to deadlines in the proceeding (e.g., the parties could be directed to report the fruits of their dialogue to the Commission by a date certain, such as in 30 days), and (5) in life and death situations, the Commission is not constrained from providing broadcasters with direction regarding content.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter have been submitted to the Office of the Secretary, and a PDF version of this letter has been sent by electronic mail to each of the Commission personnel identified above.

Sincerely,

David Honig

David Honig
Executive Director

cc: Lauren Belvin, Jordan Goldstein, Rudy Brioche and Heather Dixon, Esqs.

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